



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 5555

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The Committee on Education reported through REP. FLEISCHMANN of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT AND PROHIBITING THE INCLUSION OF PARTICIPATION RATES FOR THE STATE-WIDE MASTERY EXAMINATION IN THE CALCULATION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ACCOUNTABILITY INDEX SCORE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 10-262j of the 2016 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (e) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, the
5 provisions of this section shall not apply to any district that is in the
6 top ten per cent of school districts based on the [district] performance
7 index, as defined in section [10-262u] 10-223e, as amended by this act.

8 Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-223e of the 2016
9 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
10 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

11 (1) "Accountability index" means the score resulting from multiple
12 student, school or district-level measures, as weighted by the
13 Department of Education, that (A) shall include the performance index
14 score and high school graduation rates, [and] (B) may include, but
15 need not be limited to, academic growth over time, attendance and
16 chronic absenteeism, postsecondary education and career readiness,
17 enrollment in and graduation from institutions of higher education
18 and postsecondary education programs, civics and arts education and
19 physical fitness, and (C) shall not include participation rates for the
20 mastery examination, as defined in section 10-14n.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-262j(e)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10-223e(a)(1)

ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Various Municipalities	Savings	Potential	Potential

Explanation

The bill results in a potential savings to various municipalities by removing the district performance index (DPI) measurement, which no longer exists in statute, and replacing it with the performance index (PI), a new measurement used by the State Department of Education (SDE) to rank schools and districts when determining eligibility for an exemption to the minimum budget requirement (MBR). Without the change no ranking would exist to determine eligibility for an MBR exemption.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to a town's position on the PI.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5555*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT AND PROHIBITING THE INCLUSION OF PARTICIPATION RATES FOR THE STATE-WIDE MASTERY EXAMINATION IN THE CALCULATION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ACCOUNTABILITY INDEX SCORE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill changes an exception to the minimum budget requirement (MBR) for towns' educational spending. Under existing law, MBR requires a town receiving Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grants to budget a minimum annual amount for education, with several exceptions. Currently, one such exception exempts from the MBR towns with school districts ranking in the top 10% of all district performance index (DPI) scores in the state.

The bill conforms this exception to existing law by removing the DPI measurement, which no longer exists in statute, and replacing it with the performance index (PI), a new measurement used by the State Department of Education (SDE) to rank schools and districts.

Additionally, the bill prohibits SDE from using student participation rates on statewide mastery exams when calculating the accountability index (AI), another accountability measure for schools and districts. By law, statewide mastery exams are administered in (1) reading, writing, and mathematics in grades three through eight and 11 and (2) science in grades five, eight, and 10.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASUREMENTS FOR MBR EXEMPTION

Current law allows towns to claim an MBR exemption for earning DPI scores among the top 10% of all towns; however, DPI has been

eliminated from statute and replaced with other accountability measures that SDE uses to rank school districts. The bill specifies that PI scores must instead be used to rank districts when determining MBR relief.

Previously, SDE would calculate a district's DPI using its students' weighted performance on the statewide mastery exams. Under existing law, SDE calculates a district's PI using mastery test data of record, which also is based upon student performance on statewide mastery exams.

EXAM PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY MEASUREMENTS

By law, SDE may calculate AI scores for each public district and school using multiple student, school, or district-level measures, as weighted by SDE. Such measures must include the PI score and high school graduation rates and may include (1) academic growth over time, (2) attendance and chronic absenteeism, (3) postsecondary education and career readiness, (4) enrollment in and graduation from higher education institutions and postsecondary education programs, (5) civic and arts education, and (6) physical fitness. The bill prohibits SDE from using the measure of student participation rates on statewide mastery exams when calculating AI.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 27 Nay 5 (03/16/2016)